

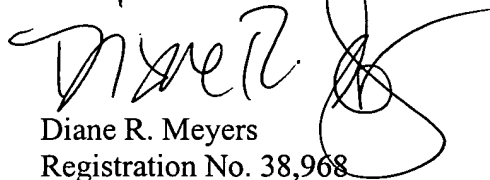
Please add the following new claims:

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15. The polymer of Claim 8, wherein a) is MAPTAC and b) is acrylic acid.
16. The polymer of Claim 8, wherein the molecular weight ranges from about 100,000 to about 10,000,000.

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 10, currently pending in the above-captioned case, have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 8. Claims 15 and 16 have been added, and also depend from allowed Claim 8. The substance of these claims is found in original Claims 2 and 3, so no new matter is added by the additional claims. Since all of the claims depend from an allowed claim, it is submitted that Claims 6, 10, 15 and 16 are also in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested at an early date. Applicants respectfully petition for any extension of time necessary to enter this amendment. Authorization is hereby given to charge any extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2556; a duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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